



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

Summer time!

Warm isn't it!

Thanks to all for supporting CARS Events inc Talks, Skills and Training and our most recent event the Table Top Sale (despite a small clash with football!)

Pictured right is our **£50 Raffle Prize Winner!**

And the result of the bumper June tabletop effort:-

£600 raised !

We also had more activity on training too – so do read on!

Following the excursion to Danbury our talks resume at the usual venue.

So our next edition will bring you the latest write-ups and more on this heads up...

Heads Up: Constructors Competition

Cash Prizes on Offer!

For 1st, 2nd, 3rd and best Newcomer

Our famous prize raffle and refreshments will also be on offer.

All welcome. Free entry and parking – Put it in your diary for Tuesday 7th August at Oaklands Museum



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Club Diary

Tue 5-Jul-2018	Three Short Talks (Report in the next edition)	Chelmsford – Oaklands Museum, 7:30pm
Tue 7-Aug-2018	Constructors Competition – inc Cash Prizes!	Chelmsford – Oaklands Museum, 7:30pm
Tue 4-Sep-2018	999 - The Past Present & Future of Emergency Comms - Steve Shorey G3ZPS	Chelmsford – Oaklands Museum, 7:30pm

Club Nets

CARS meets for talks/events on the first Tuesday of the month. The subsequent Tuesdays have club radio nets as follows:-

- **2nd Tuesday in the Month – VHF**

The CARS VHF FM Net uses GB3DA from Danbury starting at 8pm (local).

GB3DA is 145.125MHz Input and 145.725MHz Output - and CTCSS-only (110.9Hz), 2min timeout

If for any reason GB3DA is not available then 145.375 Simplex will be used. Vertical aerials are best for this

- **3rd Tuesday in the Month - UHF**

The CARS UHF FM Net uses GB3ER from Danbury and starting at 8pm (local).

GB3ER is 434.675MHz Input and 433.075MHz Output - and is CTCSS-only

Vertical aerials are best.

- **4th Tuesday in the Month - HF**

The CARS 80m Net on "3756kHz" Night, SSB and starting at 8pm (local).

Horizontal aerials are best. The idea is to enable distant CARS Members to join the Net.

- **5th Tuesday in the Month (when there is one!) - MF**

This is the CARS Top Band Net on 1947/1950 kHz +/-QRM, LSB and starting at 8pm (local).

Horizontal aerials are usually used for this Net. A reminder - limit your power to a max of 30 Watts, please.

Training & Exam Dates

Our training pages have the 2018 sessions listed for Foundation, Intermediate and Advance.

Our training manager Peter M0PSD is keen to hear from candidates for the 2018 courses, as well as any needing practicals or other help. Morse Classes are run by Andy G0IBN

After the summer break, in September we have our 38th Foundation course; and Morse Classes will restart

Course	Dates	Comment
Foundation-38	Thu Sep-6 th – Oct-11 th	Please register your interest!
Advance-22	Thu Dec 6 th	Exam (Revision Course Oct-25 th – Nov-29 th tbc)

Contact: Peter Davies M0PSD, training2018@g0mwt.org.uk Web: www.g0mwt.org.uk/training



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June Meeting: Table Top Sale

Another year, another Tabletop Sale – but this time with a difference. Due to some newly imposed unworkable restrictions being introduced at our usual venue, it was decided to hold the Sale instead at Danbury Village Hall, to run concurrently with the monthly Monday Skills Night in the adjacent Small Hall. Unfortunately this change meant that my advertising material had to be rewritten and reprinted and table plans redrawn. Some original material had already been distributed. Most of the radio clubs in Essex were notified of the change by email. Information sheets were also posted to four local radio stations and displayed elsewhere. The message got through and some 70 visitors and members attended from far and wide, including Mike and John from Surrey Radio Contact Club. Thank you for coming gentlemen!

The fact that England were playing in a televised World Cup match at the same did not deter the more avid bargain hunters. On arrival, everyone was presented with a free raffle ticket as advertised and directed initially into the Small hall by Pauline for the Skills Night activities. 1 tickets were used later in the evening by Chairman Peter PSD to choose a winner for the spectacular £50 pound note raffle prize. The lucky recipient being CARS member Dave Howell ex G3JCM. (See Front page picture).

Entry to the Main Hall was barred until 7.30pm to allow vendors to establish their wares but promptly at that time the hall filled up and the dealings began in earnest with buyers not knowing which table to go to first for the best bargains, of which there were many! Lots of these were on three of the tables bearing the results of a CARS equipment rationalisation exercise being carried out by Peter PSD and Chris CUU.

Jim JTW and Glynis CUQ with Andrew filling tables on one side and Tony YTG, Murray JYB, Chris IPU and myself on the other, with Tom LYQ occupying a central area. A lot of hard work by Pauline and Peter went on behind the scenes before the event and the indications are that it was all worthwhile. Judging by the scenes of activity at the tables, I think I am right in thinking most sellers went home with less than they came with.....or did they? Generally speaking a very successful evening!

Colin G0TRM



Colin G0TRM had a table near the door, with Chris G0IPU next one along



Plenty of Punters looking for a bargain!



Tony G4YTG drawing the raffle prize – from Peter M0PSD who was selling CARS equipment

Essex Skills Night: June 2018

Monday evening, 7pm June 18th 2018, was Essex Skills Night, run and hosted by the CARS Training Team. However this month due to some re-scheduling issues at our other venue, the June Skills Night coincided with our tabletop sale next door in the main hall. It also coincided with England's opening World Cup group game (won 2-1 vs Tunisia!). Overall we had turnout of 70, which was excellent.

In the Small Hall were two rolling PowerPoint displays, Intermediate practicals demos (and indeed a training practical before things got too busy). It also had a greater opportunity for socialising – and some excellent refreshments.

On arrival everyone was presented with a free raffle ticket as advertised and directed initially into the Small Hall by Pauline for the Skills Night activities (as the tabletop sale didn't open next door until later at 7:30pm), the tickets were used later in the evening by Chairman Peter M0PSD to choose a winner for the spectacular £50 pound note raffle prize.



Some of the 70 attendees and excellent refreshments



CARS had both of its projectors in use for Photo Highlights and Rolling Quiz displays

Essex Skills Night Jun-2018

Fun Quiz

Q5: What does WSPR stand for?

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On the [website](http://www.g0mwt.org.uk) you can download more photos highlights and all the quiz picture questions!

Our thanks again for excellent refreshments and kitchen team – all helping the evening along!

NEXT EVENT: Monday Sep 17th (after the summer break)

Scout Radio Activity at Sandford Mill

On Thursday 21st June, CARS were invited to help with a Scout Group activity evening, organised by Sandford Mill. We were there to demonstrate the use of Radio and Morse.

Our team was Jim 2E0RMI, Bob G4MDB and myself, together with Pauline 2E0EUH who acted as our very able photographer.

It was a good evening with 14 energetic Scouts learning to use the Morse Key and how to put a HF station together and finding out about the use of radio.

Peter M0PSD



Activities in the 'Barn' building at Sandford Mill



Bob G4MDB and Jim 2E0RMI

Equipment for Sale

As many would have seen at the tabletop sale, some of our older club equipment is becoming surplus as we have recently bought some newer kit.

Below is our Yaesu FT747GX (HF 160m-10m, 100W transceiver), which is now available for sale (including Flight Case) for £275



For Sale: Yaesu FT-747GX – HF Transceiver - £275

Also For Sale:-

Icom 720A
HF Transceiver
£350

Yaesu FT847
HF-UHF All-mode
Transceiver £650

Icom 7200
HF+50 MHz Transceiver
(inc handles option) - £700

In addition we always appreciate items for fundraising and the 34th Canvey Rally is not that far away !
- make sure you have Sunday 3rd Feb 2019 in your diary

More Info is also on our sales page at: <http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/society/sales.htm>

Essex CW and Morse Class News

Morse classes will resume on **Thursday, September 6th** at Danbury Village Hall, starting at 7pm. We cater from the very beginner to the CW operator who just wants to build up his confidence on the key.

Contact: Andy G0IBN 01621 868347

CW Boot Camp – Saturday October 27th

Venue: 3rd Witham Scout & Guide HQ - Rear of Spring Lodge Community Centre,
Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex CM8 2HE

- Doors open at 08:30 for registration. Begins at 09:00; Finish approx 16:30.
- Registration fee £10
- Parking and refreshments etc

Contact Andy G0IBN 0745 342 6087, g0ibn1@yahoo.com

Foundation & Intermediate Training

CARS Intermediate Course-17 concluded in a large exam session on Thu 7th June which also include three Foundation exams as well

Our next Foundation Course is planned to start on 6th September and we are also looking at an autumn Advance revisions course as well, ahead of the December exam session.

Training Feedback

Date: 16 June 2018 at 13:20:57 BST

Subject: Intermediate exam

Dear Peter,

I have just received my pass certificate from the RSGB, addressed to the house next door and with the completely wrong postcode! I didn't receive a certificate for my foundation licence; was this an oversight, or have certificates only been issued recently?

Minor hiccups notwithstanding, I've logged on to the Ofcom website and obtained my new call sign which is 2E0FEL.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the trainers for their hard work, and to particularly thank you for your efficient and professional coordination of the course.

I would like to join C.A.R.S., and will hopefully be able to do so at the skills night/table-top sale on Monday.

Now the brain cells are fired up, I should like to take the Advanced Licence exam in December; perhaps we can have a chat about this on Monday evening?

With thanks and best wishes,

Chris Stoffel

Help Still Wanted !!...

- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Newsletter Items**



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